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Wolfner Library Celebrates 75 Years

On March 1, 2006, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan helped Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped celebrate its 75th anniversary.

The Wolfner Library, named in honor of noted eye specialist Dr. Henry L. Wolfner, was created from a grant provided by the Pratt-Smoot Act of 1931, which designated the St. Louis Public Library as one of only 18 libraries in the country tasked with meeting the needs of people with visual impairments.

Prior to the Pratt-Smoot Act, the St. Louis Public Library had loaned braille books to blind patrons for some time. In 1924, Dr. Arthur Bostwick, then librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, formed a department for the blind. The department was organized as an independent venture with a small collection of braille books for the use of St. Louis citizens and had a collection of 360 volumes with a circulation of fewer than 100 volumes.

The collection, circulation and demands for services by blind patrons continued to grow over the years. Under the direction of Dr. Meyer Wiener, a group of St. Louis citizens formed a corporation with the sole purpose of erecting a library building for the blind. To be known as the Henry L. Wolfner Memorial Library for the Blind, the library was opened on May 6, 1938 in its own building as a branch of the St. Louis Public Library. The Wolfner Library was the first branch library building to be given to St. Louis by a group of citizens.

It wasn't until 1977, following a recommendation of the Missouri State Auditor, that the Missouri State Library became the administering agency for Wolfner. At this time, the Missouri State Library and the Wolfner Li-

brary were under the administration of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

In 1985, the Missouri Department of Higher Education determined



Secretary of State Robin Carnahan addresses the audience of Wolfner's 75th anniversary celebration.

that, in order to increase efficient administration and operation, Wolfner Library should be moved to Jefferson City, to be housed within the Missouri State Library in the Truman State Office Building. Nine staff members moved with the Wolfner Library from St. Louis to Jefferson City. Six of those loyal staff members still work at Wolfner.

At this same time, the Friends of the Wolfner Library was organized, and in 1986 became incorporated as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt entity whose mission is to support the library's service and strive toward its improvement.

In 1991, the Missouri State Library and the Wolfner Library were moved from the Truman State Office Building to its current location in the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center.

The Wolfner Library continues to be a national leader in serving its patrons. Over 500,000 items are circulated annually to nearly 22,000 patrons. The library has expanded beyond just books and magazines and now provides such services as its own recording studio to record books written by Missouri authors, Web Braille services, and descriptive videos.



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Margaret Conroy Starts as new State Librarian

Margaret Conroy (right) officially started her tenure as Missouri State Librarian on April 17, 2006.

"Our local libraries are community centers where people can access information and resources like never before," said Carnahan. "As a former Missouri library director, Margaret knows the needs and challenges faced by Missouri's local libraries, and she will serve Missourians well as an effective advocate for library services."

Ms. Conroy came to the Missouri State Library from the Missouri River Regional Library where she served as director. She has a degree in Library Science from Dominican University in Illinois and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I am pleased by the opportunity to serve Missourians as state librarian and to help increase access to library services across the state," said Conroy. "I look forward to working with Secretary Carnahan, Missouri's local libraries, school librarians, the academic community, and the patrons of Wolfner Library in order to help enhance our state libraries' services."



Grant Writing and Management Workshops—Winter 2006

Five grant workshops took place throughout Missouri during the last two weeks of January. The one-day sessions provided training about the LSTA grant process in Missouri and the federal and state guidelines and policies affecting the grant process. The host libraries were in St. Joseph, Chillicothe, Hannibal, Springfield, and Cape Girardeau. Discussions about the grant process continued during lunch and other breaks.

The 82 attendees came from all types of libraries throughout Missouri. They includ-

ed board members, directors, managers, specialists, clerks, and volunteers. Their grant writing experience ranged from none to more than 20 applications. Their library experience ranged from new volunteer to 30-year veteran.

Attendees received a Grants Manual to be able to take the information back to their libraries for reference material. The manual included contact information, a glossary, Web site references, evaluation guidelines, and federal and state legislation regarding LSTA.

MOSL plans to have another set of grant-writing workshops in fall 2006. In the meantime, call Diana Very at 800-325-0131, ext. 16 if you have any grant related questions.



Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and employees of the Missouri State Library and Wolfner Library.

Missouri State Library Celebrates National Library Worker Day

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan celebrated National Library Worker day on April 4, 2006 by honoring the staff of the Missouri State Library with a proclamation extolling all the hard work they do for the citizens of Missouri.

National Library Worker Day is celebrated during National Library Week. The week is set aside every year to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers to their communities.

This year's theme, "Change Your World @ Your Library®" reflected how libraries can change and influence their patrons. In 2004 alone, over 24 million visits were paid to libraries across Missouri. Those visits resulted in more than 44 million items being circulated, an increase of nearly eight percent from 2003.

National Library Week is sponsored by The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the ALA.

Letters About Literature Awards Presented

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, with Center for the Book President Mark Tiedemann, presented awards to the "Letters About Literature" winners on April 11. "Letters About Literature" is an annual competition in which students write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work inspired them. The contest is sponsored by the Missouri State Library, Missouri Center for the Book, the Library of Congress, and Target stores.

This year, almost 1,800 Missouri students entered the contest. Twelve winners received certificates and cash prizes for their efforts. The three first place winners will advance to the national competition, where they will compete to win an expenses-paid trip to the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. and a \$500 Target gift card.

The winners of the awards are:

Level I (grades four through six):

First Place: Franklin McCracken-VanFleet, Crestview Middle School, Ellisville



Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and the Letters About Literature award winners.

Second Place: Hayley Baldrige, Alexander Doniphan Elementary, Liberty
 Honorable Mentions: Sydney Bell, Meadow Lane Elementary, Lee's Summit and Tyler Willis, Alexander Doniphan Elementary, Liberty

Level II (grades seven and eight):

First Place: Pari Jafari, West Junior High School, Columbia
 Second Place: Emily Gerst, Rockwood South Middle School, Fenton
 Honorable Mentions: Ben Priday, individual entry, Sikeston and Courtney Hofstetter, St. James Middle School, St. James

Level III (grades nine through twelve):

First Place: Casey Lynette Morrow, individual entry, Mansfield
 Second Place: Rachel Duff, Smithville High School, Smithville
 Honorable Mentions: Torie Even, Simonsen Ninth Grade Center, Jefferson City

Trustee Continuing Education Successful Series of Special Trustee Topics

The Missouri State Library-sponsored Series of Special Trustee Topics started in December 2005 with a presentation titled "Hire That Director." It continued in January with the presentation titled "Care & Feeding of the Director;" in February with "Ask the Counsel;" and in March with "Strategic Planning for Tomorrow." These presentations offer networking and continuing education opportunities to public library trustees across the state in an interactive videoconferenced environment with question and answer sessions.

The topics covered range from sample job descriptions and interview strategies to legal responsibilities in the hiring and firing process. The interactive discussions of personnel issues and legal aspects relating to the relationship between the library board and the director of a public library were very well received. The presentation on strategic plan-

ning offered a starting point, examples and strategies needed to develop a long-range plan. These four presentations generated great interest with a total participation of 185 trustees representing 77 library districts.

Many participants appreciated the occasion to obtain feedback from other libraries and expressed their interest in the “specific strategies about nurturing and keeping the director/board relationship fresh and productive,” while others expressed their determination to “keep the communication open and encourage the dialog about the future of the library” while remembering to “provide consistent positive feedback to the director for a job well done.” As reflected in these evaluations, the interactive for suggesting further topics. The State Library will incorporate these suggestions in the presentations that generated motivating discussions and also offered trustees an opportunity Trustee Continuing Education presentations scheduled for September-November 2006.

This successful Series of Special Trustee Topics will be continued with a fifth presentation scheduled for May 11 and titled “Building a Solid Library Foundation.” Please watch your mail for flyers announcing future presentations in the Series of Special Trustee Topics.

Border War Heats Up

On March 8, 2006, a group of 28 people met at the Distance Learning Center of the Cass County Public Library, Harrisonville Branch, to initiate a Border Area Civil War Network. The Network is designed to promote the story of the Border War and the Civil War in western Missouri and eastern Kansas.

The group was presented with information about distance learning programming from a facilitator at the Conner Prairie Living History site in Fishers, IN via videoconference. Carl Wingo, Missouri State Library Consultant, also presented information about the Virtually Missouri digitization program and how libraries can partner to tell the stories of the War using primary source materials in their collections. Michael Bouman, executive director of the Missouri Humanities

Council, also shared his vision of developing an NEH grant to enhance the interpretation of historic sites and to encourage cultural tourism in the state.

The Border Area Civil War Network plans to continue to look for more ways to promote the history of the War in that area. For more information, please contact Carol Bohl at (816) 380-4396 or cchs@iland.net.

IMLS has a new Director

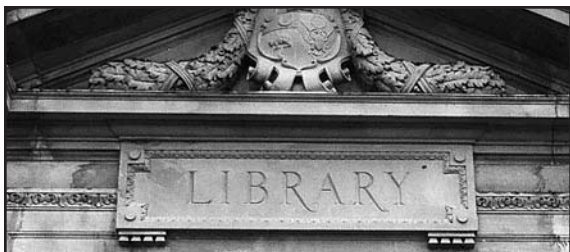
On March 14, 2006, Anne-Imelda Radice, Ph.D., was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Institute, an independent government agency, is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 15,000 museums. Succeeding Dr. Robert S. Martin, Dr. Radice will serve for a four-year term. Dr. Radice has a strong record of public service and was most recently acting assistant chairman for Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities.

St. Louis New City School Creates World's First Multiple Intelligences Library

The award winning New City School in St. Louis held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the world's first ‘multiple intelligences’ library. The concept of multiple intelligences is based on Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences introduced in 1983. Gardner, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, explained that there are many kinds of intelligence, reflecting important aspects of human capabilities, including visual/spatial, musical, bodily/kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal and naturalist intelligences. In addition to materials for linguistic learning, the library provides multiple intelligence resources that include art, puzzles, music, a source for water exploration, display cases for artwork and a mini-theater area.

September11Archive.com Available

September11Archive.com, a free service of the Web site *NewspaperARCHIVE.com*, contains more than 15,000 full-image newspaper pages on the World Trade Center and the events surrounding September 11, 2001. Historic articles, like the unveiling of the plans for the twin towers in 1964, can be found in the archive along with newspapers from September 11 and the aftermath. You can visit the site at: www.september11archive.com/Default.aspx



Missouri Library News

newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

Library Anniversaries

The **Albany Carnegie Public Library** is 100 years old. The library celebrated this milestone in March with an open house in the centennial building, one of the over 30 library buildings funded through Carnegie grants in Missouri.

The **Poplar Bluff Public Library** celebrated its 90th anniversary with an April birthday bash. It was standing room only in the historic original Carnegie north wing where former and current employees, library users and local official representatives read resolutions and exchanged stories of memorable events in connection with their continuous support of the library.

In 1966, the City of Neosho (Library) and the Newton County Library petitioned the Newton County Commission to allow the formation of a city – county library district according to the Missouri Revised Statutes. The commissioners approved and the **Neosho-Newton County Library** is now celebrating 40 years of library services.

***Congratulations and thank you
for supporting library services!***

Ballots Passed

The **Bollinger County Library** Board, staff and users have reason for celebration. The voters passed a library voted tax increase that will double their current revenue from 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to 20 cents. This increase is the first submitted and approved by voters in the 59 years since the library was founded in 1947.

The **Maplewood Public Library** users approved a voted tax increase of six cents and also to move the library to the Community Center building, a location nearly three times larger than the current building. A \$3.4 million bond issue also passed that is designated for the renovation of the community center building for library services. The renovation project is scheduled to begin in the fall.

Branch Opening

On March 11, 2006, the **Dunklin County Library** opened a 3,300 sqft. building for the **Campbell Branch**, featuring a genealogy section as well as a children's area and three computers for Internet access. Construction of the new building was made possible through a joint effort of the Dunklin County Library and the City of Campbell. The majority of costs were covered by the county library tax and the city donated the land and funds to help enhance the building.

If you have newsworthy information about your library — please contact the editors of this publication and we will be happy to include it in our next issues.



Personal Notes

Appointments

Bonnie Postlethwaite was appointed associate dean of libraries at the University of **Missouri–Kansas City** on March 27, 2006. Previously, she was Vice President of Information Services at Baker University and worked as Director of University Technology at Tufts University in Massachusetts. Postlethwaite is very active in the library community and is currently the President Elect of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA).

Mark A. Smith has been named director of the **Sullivan Public Library** starting March 28, 2006. He served as interim director after the prior director, Mary Wehrman and her family moved to Kansas. Smith has worked for the Sullivan library since August 2003.

Connie J. Bowman has been selected as director of the **Morgan County Library** effective Saturday, April 1, 2006. Lucy

Middleton, currently serving as Interim Director, will retire after 38 years of service.

Richard J. Wilding has been appointed director of the **Mid-Continent Public Library**, aka Consolidated Library District #3. Wilding was employed by MCPL for the past 15 years, serving first as business manager, then becoming assistant director in 1998.

Retirements

Paul A. White announced his retirement from the Mid-Continent Public Library after 18 years, effective May 3, 2006. He has served as director since 1998. White worked as assistant director for the previous ten years. Prior to his time with MCPL, White served as director of the Kinderhook Regional Library, headquartered in Lebanon, Missouri, for 20 years. In his 45 years in Missouri libraries, he also worked at the Kansas City Public Library, the Missouri State Library and at the Springfield-Greene County Public Library.

Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales Children's Summer Reading Program Workshops

More than 185 public and school library personnel attended the 2006 *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales* summer reading program workshops. The interactive workshops are designed to provide ideas, skills and motivation to youth services personnel planning summer reading programs for children from birth to age 12.

Two teams of three "Librarians Unleashed" provided the workshops in northern and southern Missouri. Kim Flores, Springfield-Greene County Library, Janea

Coker, Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, and Carrie Cline, McDonald County Library traveled to Springfield, Lebanon and Cape Girardeau in March, sharing songs, school library visit ideas, and craft activities. Southern workshop audiences engaged in energetic discussions about copyright and fair use issues regarding the use of movies, music and the Collaborative Summer Library Program art and manual. As each participant entered the workshop site, she or he was given a paper dog tail and instructed to decorate it. After collecting the decorated tails, Kim opened the workshop by reading the hilarious book, *Waggers*, by Philemon

Sturges, a tale which explains the mystery of why dogs sniff each other as a greeting. During the morning break, each participant chose a new tail, then mingled with each other during lunch to find their own “wagger.” Kim shared other useful ice breaker ideas to use with groups of school-age children who may not know each other, but need to work together at a library activity.

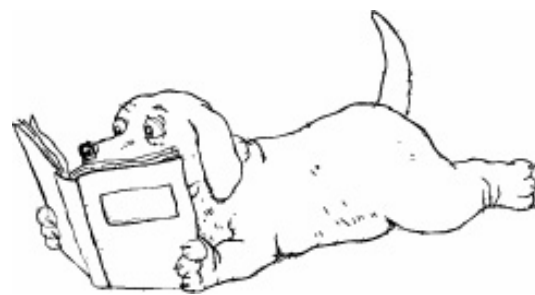
Janea led a discussion exploring ways school and public librarians can collaborate to promote and plan summer reading programs. Ideas included hosting summer book fairs at the public library in cooperation with the summer school; sharing outside speakers and entertainers; providing shared book talks at the school library in spring, presented by both the school and the public librarian; and sending press releases about the summer program to newspapers, featuring a photograph of the school and public library staff.

The team shared several craft ideas with the audience, allowing participants to make samples to take home. Carrie shared ideas for creating Scottie-dog purses (from page 212 in the Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales manual) and provided tips for preparing and using flannel boards. Carrie uses flannel board stories extensively to help children become involved in stories and songs, allowing them to tell the stories themselves.

The team performed a hilarious skit about a pet psychologist, with the recommendation that older school children could be asked to play the parts of the animals during school visits.

The workshop concluded with a scavenger hunt. Participants raced against each other to find correct answers to a list of questions concerning the Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales manual. The exercise provided participants with the motivation to open and review their manuals. Winners received candy and Scooby™ snacks.

Hollis Stolz and Sarah Howard, both of Columbia Public Library, and Peggy Northcraft, Hannibal Free Public Library, served as the “Librarians Unleashed” team for workshops in Carrollton, St. Louis and Columbia. The team opened the workshop



with a skit based on the popular Mo Willems title, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, an excellent resource to use to grab the attention of school children during summer reading program promotion visits.

Sarah shared a variety of songs participants could use throughout summer programs, reminding everyone that incorporating songs and music into programs does not require musical talent. Music can evoke moods, help children develop rhythm, understand and play with language, and serves many important and vital purposes.

Peggy told the Robin Moore story, “Silver Lake Trout,” and provided tips for telling stories in family and in library settings. Of course, no summer workshop featuring Peggy is complete without the audience helping her tell “Mr. Wiggle and Mr. Waggle,” which can be adapted to any summer reading theme and used every summer!

Hollis created an extensive display of craft ideas to use with the pets theme, some of which were from the manual and others being original or adapted ideas. Participants made a sample “Pet-Friendly I Spy Bottle” (adapted from page 161 of the Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales manual) using empty water bottles and birdseed, as well as a variety of other items.

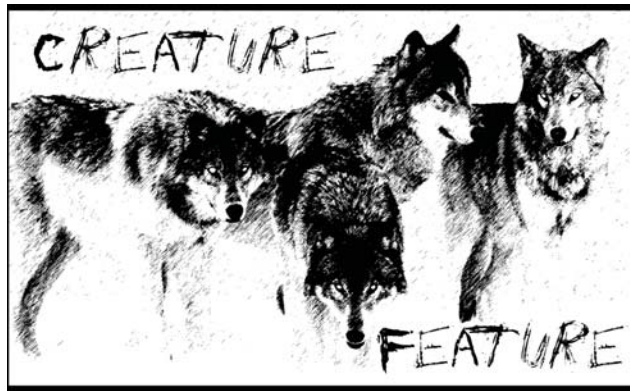
As always, all of the “Librarians Unleashed” stressed the importance of featuring books at all summer activities, and reminded everyone to “paws to read.”

Information about the presenters, as well as their craft ideas, patterns, tips, bibliographies and other resources are available on the Missouri State Library Summer Reading Program Web site, www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/slp/.

Creature Feature Teen Summer Reading Program Workshops

Kim Patton, young adult specialist at the Lawrence (KS) Public Library, presented the Creature Feature workshops in Poplar Bluff, St. Louis, Macon, Springfield and Kansas City. Approximately 135 public and school librarians attended these workshops to learn new ways to promote and conduct summer reading programs for teens and share ideas about collaborating with each other. Kim began the workshop with a brief discussion about the benefits a teen summer library program can have in a teen's life, specifically addressing the Search Institute's 40 developmental assets (the assets and the impact the library has on each are listed in the Creature Feature manual, pages 2 through 4). During their discussion about ways public and school library personnel can cooperate to conduct successful teen summer programs, Kim told the audience about her successful efforts in promoting the program at middle and high schools. Kim gets permission from the school administration to set up a table in the lunch room during the lunch hour. She communicates with the school librarian to let her know which days Kim will be visiting the school. Kim features a teen summer poster, some summer reading bookmarks, and bowls of candy (to entice teens!) at the table. As teens come by, she shares information about her library's summer program. This method has proved very successful for Kim, and many workshop participants were anxious to launch similar activities this

spring. Audiences were encouraged to maintain the collaborative relationship with their school or public library counterpart through the summer, into the school year, and especially into Teen Read Week.



As chair of the Collaborative Summer Library Program Young Adult Planning Committee, Kim took the opportunity to gather ideas from Missouri librarians about what resources would help them plan and promote their teen summer reading programs. Many participants pointed to a need for more usable clip art to support the teen program. In addition, librarians recommended the planning manual include more programming ideas that will attract teen boys.

Kim shared a number of programming ideas, ranging from movie trivia games (featuring "creature feature" horror movies, of course), to crafts, to battle of the bands contests. During one discussion about developing and maintaining teen book discussion groups, Letitia DenHartog, teen librarian at the Missouri River Regional Library, shared her "never-miss" questions to keep teen groups on track. The questions can be adapted for use with any book that is being discussed; the list is posted on the State Library Summer Reading Program Web site, www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/services/slp/.

Finally, Kim provided tips for booktalking to teens, including the first and foremost tip – there's no right or wrong way. Developing your own style is key to providing successful book talks. After sharing a number of sources for booklists, Kim shared her own favorites for the Creature Feature theme.

Librarians can find an annotated list of Kim's pet Creature Feature books, programming suggestions, and ideas shared by workshop participants at the Missouri State Library Summer Reading Program Web site.

Spanish That Works in Libraries

The Missouri State Library recently entered into a cooperative pilot agreement with the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library District to offer staff development in Spanish language skills. Using the program developed by Elizabeth Almann of Learning Light Educational Materials and Services called Spanish that Works™, the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library was able to address the cultural diversity and need to improve customer service to the Spanish-speaking patrons of its community. A library staff member facilitated the course for eleven staff members. The library district concluded their training on April 10. The instructor and participants spoke very positively of the program and the experience.

Spanish that Works™ offers an innovative and successful curriculum in basic communication in Spanish. The original Spanish that Works course was written specifically for librarians and library staff. Spanish that Works teaches library staff to speak Spanish for the library setting. The program uses the basic vocabulary of library-related terms and activ-

ities. The course is ideal for beginners or for staff who want to learn how to or become confident to speak. The interactive program includes group practice and dialogue role-play. Participants learn how to use the language in a practical situation setting, such as how to ask for a library card, guide patrons to materials, or determine if a situation requires a translator. The course is designed to be completed in as little as 16 hours, or about two hours per week for eight weeks.

Over 60 libraries in 28 different states using Spanish that Works have found it to be beneficial in many ways. Staff feels empowered to be able to better help patrons with a Spanish-speaking background. Bilingual staff members teaching the course receive valuable experience and recognition for their skills. Spanish-speaking patrons feel more welcome in the library and can more easily use the library's services.

For more information about Spanish that Works visit the Learning Light website at www.thelearninglight.com/STWLibrary.html or contact Marge Kudrna at 800-325-0131, ext. 17 or marge.kudrna@sos.mo.gov.

Summer Library Program Grants Announced

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan has announced that \$111,331 worth of Summer Library Program grants have been awarded to libraries across the state. These LSTA funded grants will provide public and school libraries with additional funds to expand opportunities for children and teens to improve their reading skills, enrich children's summer learning experiences, and enhance opportunities to reach unserved summer populations.

The following libraries have been awarded a grant:

Daviess County Library

The library was granted \$2,677 to use their van to take the program on the road to five communities in their county.

DeSoto School District #73

The school was granted \$9,974 for opening the school library for twelve sessions, providing activities and circulating books.

Sikeston Public Library

The library was granted \$7,908 to reach out to teens through a partnership with the Sikeston Middle School, YMCA Summer Day Camp.

Daniel Boone Regional Library

The Library was granted \$7,568 to collaborate with the Columbia Public Schools and Cen-

tro Latino Summer Camp to reach kindergarten through 5th grade students attending organized summer programs but without convenient access to library services.

Cape Girardeau Public Library

The library was granted \$4,243 to extend program activities to Civic Center Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, summer school sessions, and local daycare providers.

Hannibal Free Public Library

The library was granted \$2,112 to target the 6th and 8th grade students attending the Summer School Reading Academy, who rarely use the library.

Ray County Library

The library was granted \$10,000 to collaborate with four local school districts to increase participation in the Summer Reading Program.

Jefferson County Library

The library was granted \$7,597 to partner with two school districts to provide a summer reading program for students outside the library service area.

Hamilton Public Library, Caldwell County

The library was granted \$4,122 to use a van to provide the Summer Reading Program to children in towns in Caldwell County, not served by a library district.

St. Louis Public Library

The library was granted \$14,925 to use St. Louis Public School staff to work from four library branches to reach out to nearby summer schools. These staff members will provide outreach to the schools and program activities at the library.

Springfield-Greene County Library

The library was granted \$14,826 to develop Summer Reading to Go to take the program to children spending their summer in school or day camps such as the Ozarks Regional YMCA.

Morgan County R-I

The library was granted \$3,610 to provide a summer reading program for children in communities 10 miles or more from the county public library.

Moniteau County-California District

The library was granted \$1,000 to partner with the high school and middle school to provide a series of programs to encourage teen participation in the Summer Reading Program.

Bollinger County Library

The library was granted \$7,445 to pay the staff of the four school libraries in the county to stay open 60 hours during their summer school sessions.

Centralia Municipal Library

The library was granted \$1,395 to partner with the public school to reach children who lack transportation to use library services.

Riverside Regional Library

The library was granted \$11,929 to partner with the public school to keep three school libraries open during the summer months and provide summer reading activities.

Libraries to Receive Internet Connection Upgrades

When the REAL Program began in 1995, public libraries received a variety of Internet connections from dial-up to a 56K, a 384K, or a 1.5MB (T1) dedicated connection**. Now, more than ten years later, the Missouri State Library is pleased to announce that all remaining libraries with a 384K connection will be upgraded to a faster 768K or higher connection by the end of Fiscal Year 2007. The majority of connections in the REAL program will be 1.5MB or higher.

These upgrades will allow Missouri's libraries to better address the needs of their patrons. More work, education, and research are being done over the Internet. Faster connections will allow patrons to reduce time spent online, provide them with the ability to download attachments faster and provide more access to research databases.

MOREnet is spending this summer contacting the following libraries to begin the process of upgrading their connections:

- Appleton City Public Library
- Atchison County Library
- Canton Public Library
- Carter County Library
- Daviess County Library
- Dulany Memorial Library
- Marceline Carnegie Library
- Monroe City Public Library
- Mound City Public Library
- Oregon County Library
- Ozark Regional Library
- Sweet Springs Public Library

If you have any questions about your connection through the REAL Program, please contact Jeanne Sullivan at MOREnet at 800-509-6673 or Jeanne@more.net.

***Please note – A 384K connection transfers 384 kilobits of data per second. A 1.5MB (T1) connection transfers 1,544 kilobits of data per second. In other words, a 1.5MB (T1) connection is four times faster than a 384k connection.*

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